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For (Title): SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR CONNECTING REGIONS OF  
IMAGE DATA HAVING SIMILAR CHARACTERISTICS

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